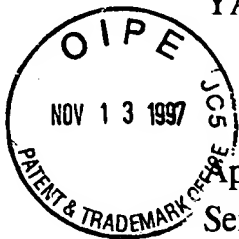


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Tetsuroh Nakamura et al. : Art Unit: 2509
Serial No.: 08/608,744 : Examiner: J. Lee
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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SIR :

In response to the restriction requirement stated in the Official
Action dated October 15, 1997, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 74-94, 97-99 and 108-153 without prejudice
or disclaimer.

REMARKS

The Examiner requires that the claims of either Group I, Group II
or Group III be elected for prosecution. Applicant elects to prosecute Group I
(claims 1-73, 95-96 and 100-107, drawn to an illumination device). This
election of claims is made without traverse.